



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ruben F. DI PIERRO

Application No.: 09/781,301

Group Art Unit: 1651

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Examiner: M. Flood

For: COSMETIC COMPOSITION HAVING
RETARDING ACTION ON THE
REGROWTH OF SUPERFLUOUS HAIR

Attorney Docket No.:
7914-073

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2001, Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a cosmetic composition having an active ingredient comprising a fatty acid or antiandrogenic sterol from *Serenoa* or from *Cucurbita* seeds in a therapeutically effective amount to provide a retarding action on the growth of superfluous hair. Applicants further elect as the subspecies a fatty acid or antiandrogenic sterol from *Serenoa* seeds.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this response. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds deposit account no. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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